

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## **October 2018**

**Game Night – Friday, September 28, and Friday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m.**

We get together at the church for monthly game night, per usual on the last Friday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring your games and snacks and we will have fun.

**Bartlett Festival – Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29**

The Bartlett Festival is on Friday night, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, during the day. Grace Presbyterian Church has a booth there and if you can stop by and help greet people and give away our giveaways, that would be great too. It's at Freeman Park, 2629 Bartlett Blvd. We would like to have folks help set up on Friday at 4:00 p.m. and if you can help tend the booth Friday evening or Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., please lend a hand

**World Communion Sunday**

The first Sunday in October holds a long association with an observance called World Communion Sunday, especially for us American Protestants of the Reformed/Presbyterian family. In the 1930s, a great Presbyterian pastor and leader of the time, Hugh Thomson Kerr, championed the idea that by taking cognizance of the worldwide or universal nature of the church as we celebrated Holy Communion, we might take strides in eliminating the tensions, suspicions, and, frankly, ignorance, that existed at the time among various Christian bodies in the United States. The first observance of World Communion Sunday is often dated to 1933 or 1934 at the church Kerr served, Shadyside Presbyterian in Pittsburgh PA. The movement spread among Presbyterians and in 1940 was endorsed by the Federal Council of Churches, an alliance of Protestant church bodies. In a time when many churches celebrated the Lord's Supper only four Sundays per year, this first Sunday in the fourth quarter of the year, seemed the best date, since the first Sunday in other quarters already had other observances attached (January – New Year; April – often Holy Week or Easter; July – Independence Day.) So we give thanks for the universal church and the fellowship of the Lord's table on World Communion Sunday, October 7.

**The Stewardship Luncheon - October 21, following worship**

The annual Stewardship Luncheon, sponsored by the Commitment Committee, will be held following morning worship on Sunday, October 21. Again this year, the meal will be catered by Coletta's and will feature their delicious lasagna, accompanied by salad and bread. Our Presbyterian Women will provide desserts, and a variety of drinks will be available. The cost of the meal is only \$6 per person, with a maximum cost of \$20 per family. Tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings beginning on Sept. 30 and continuing through Oct. 21. Near the conclusion of the meal, John Price will speak briefly about the financial needs of the church in 2019, and there will be an opportunity for those attending to ask questions. The Commitment Committee hopes that everyone will be able to join us on October 21 for great food and good fellowship as we strive together to provide Grace Presbyterian Church with the financial resources we need in order to continue to have a vital and effective ministry in the coming year.

**Special Sunday School Class on Dietrich Bonhoeffer led by Don McKim**

**October 28 and November 4**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was a German Lutheran pastor, teacher and author, whose books and whose life and death, have been a deeply moving witness for his contemporaries and for all who have sought to follow Jesus since his time. Don McKim has written a new book *Mornings With Bonhoeffer* and Don will lead us in a two Sunday study of Bonhoeffer's life and witness, fittingly on Reformation Sunday, October 28, and All Saints Sunday, November 4, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

## Fall Festival – Sunday, October 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

We will host a fall festival on Sunday evening October 28. Help out by hosting a game, bringing goodies or being part of the “food crew.” More details will be presented in Sunday bulletin inserts in October or check in with Cristaldawn in person or at 901.233.3898 for more details.

## A Reminder of Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 p.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bell choir rehearses most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Chapel resumes on Monday, October 15, at 4:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Choir rehearsal is held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

GrandPals meet Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed meets Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

## We are on Facebook

We are located at [www.facebook.com/GPCBartlett](http://www.facebook.com/GPCBartlett). Please click “Like” on the page to see updates in your newsfeed. The more you “Like,” share and comment on our posts, the more activity our page gets and the more other people will see what’s going on at our church.

## Presbyterian Women Circles in October

The Night Circle meets Monday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. and the Day Circle meets Tuesday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m.

## Memorial Service – October 13, at 11:00 a.m.

A memorial service for John Markham, son of Jean and the late Rev. Robert Markham, will be held Saturday, October 13, at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church.

## Ways to Help Teach and Serve our Children

Please sign up to take a Sunday teaching children’s Sunday school, children’s church, which gathers following children’s time in worship, and Mustard Seed, our program for church kids and extended care kids, which meets on Friday afternoons.

## Reaching Out to Help Others

The Ringing Collection, the loose change brought by the children at children’s time and given by everyone during the offertory, will be directed to a better Christmas for two or three families in Bartlett.

## CampFood and Cocktails – A Fundraiser for Pinecrest – Sunday, October 21, 5:00-8:00 pm

For \$50 per person, you can eat, drink, be merry AND make sure Pinecrest remains “a place set apart where people of all ages can come to listen for God.” Pinecrest is our presbytery camp and conference grounds near LaGrange TN in Fayette County. This event will be held in Germantown; more details in the Sunday bulletin inserts.

## Visitors in Worship in September 2018 who signed the register

Paul Chapman, Nadiyah Gibbs, Ken and Dori Hathaway, Alaina and Sandra Hurley, Dan and Roseann Mayo, Rachel Peterson, Roselle Revelle, Martha Starnes, Mary Singh, Rebecca Stirling, Roger and Ann Wade, Steve White

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Sara Lawson Sharon Ragghianti</i>	3 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  No Mustard Seed	6
7 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship World Communion Sunday 12:00 Bell Choir <i>Garrett Guenther Gerald Ragghianti</i>	8 7:00 pm PW Night Circle	9 10:00 am PW Day Circle	10 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11     <i>Rebecca Black</i>	12  No GrandPals  No Mustard Seed	13 11:00 am Memorial Service for John Markham
14 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir	15 4:15 pm Chapel  5:30 pm Session Meeting	16	17 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  4:15 pm Mustard Seed	20
21 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ 12:00 Stewardship Dinner 5:00 CampFood & Cocktails for Pinecrest	22 4:15 pm Chapel	23	24 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed 6:30 pm Game Night	27
28 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool including class on Bonhoeffer 11:00 Worship/ Reformation Sun. Pledge Sunday 12:00 Bell Choir 5:00 Fall Festival <i>Susan Lawson Kathe Walker</i>	29 4:15 pm Chapel	30  <i>Kelly Bopp Bialk</i>	31     <i>Sue White</i>			

## **Usher Schedule**

**Oct. 7:** Michelle Clifford and Ken Hathaway  
**Oct. 14 and 21:** Glenda Parker and Jim Pickren  
**Oct. 28:** Brooks Keiser and Anna Tate

## **Elders Serving Communion**

**October 7:**  
Kevin Bopp, Sandy Kehrli, Brooks Keiser, Mary Korowin, Jean Starnes

## **Closing Elder**

**October 7:** Paula Bishop  
**October 14:** Rosemary Gordon  
**October 21:** Rosemary Gordon  
**October 28:** Kevin Bopp

## **Lectionary Readings for Worship:**

### **October 7: (World Communion)**

Job 2:1;2:1-10; Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

### **October 14:**

Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22  
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

### **October 21:**

Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9,24  
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

### **October 28: (Pledge & Reformation Sunday)**

Job 42:1-6,10-17; Psalm 34  
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

## **A Prayer for World Communion Sunday**

Holy God, we thank you for setting a table before us and for calling disciples from every place to feast together. We praise you for the faith that makes us sisters and brothers in Christ and for the blessed tie of love that binds us as one. We glorify you for your Spirit at work, building one holy church in the world to serve Jesus Christ, the true vine and bread of life, our Lord and living Savior. Amen.

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